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TO: CalFresh Healthy Living Local Health Department Project Directors

SUBJECT: PROGRAM LETTER PL 22-01  
Continuation of Modifications to Funding Application Package and  
Grant Agreements for Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022

This Program Letter serves as notification as a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 continuation of the modifications to the grant agreement requirements between the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) program and CFHL Local Health Departments (LHD) or their proxies. The modifications specifically address the changing work environment throughout California due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The modifications listed below are now valid for FFY 2021 and 2022.

The following modifications reflect permissible changes to the requirements set forth by the CDPH NEOPB CFHL FFY 2020-2022 Funding Application Package (FAP) referenced in the grant agreements between CDPH NEOPB CFHL and the LHDs.

As of November 16, 2020, and for the duration of FFY 2021 and 2022 (ending September 30, 2022), the following modifications are in place:

1. [FAP, Section III, #2 – Programmatic Priorities](#) (pg. 8): Regardless of Funding Tier, LHDs are not required (but are still strongly encouraged) to meet the minimum expectations for the following:
  - a. Policy, System and Environmental Change (PSE) Levels
  - b. PSE Strategies
  - c. Domains
2. [FAP, Attachment 16, Programmatic Priority – Domains and Settings](#) (pg. 3): For FFY 2021 and 2022, LHDs may complete PSE Strategy and Sub-Strategy activities in all (21) CFHL Integrated Work Plan (IWP) PSE

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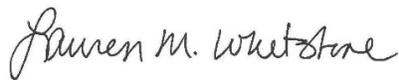
Settings expanding the ten (10) LHD-allowable Settings established in Attachment 16. (See the CFHL IWP Blueprint Compiled Content document on the California Department of Social Services CFHL SharePoint site (on the Resources page) for full list of IWP Allowable PSE Settings).

3. Local IWP activities: LHDs are permitted to engage in any IWP Blueprint Sub-Strategy activities within a selected Sub-Strategy, regardless of designation of core or complementary activity. (See the CFHL IWP Blueprint Compiled Content document on the California Department of Social Services CFHL SharePoint site (on the Resources page) for IWP Blueprint Structure and Sub-Strategy Activity Tables).

Modifications may require budget adjustments and/or IWP revisions. All modifications must comply with existing IWP Revision Periods and state agency communications.

If there are specific questions regarding the modifications, please contact your assigned Project Officer and Contract Manager.

Sincerely,



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